

Lesson 3  
READ THIS STORY #2, Basic

## The Turtle and the Hare

Do you remember the fable about the race between the turtle and the hare? The turtle had challenged the hare to a race. A group of animals gathered at the race track to observe the spectacle. They were all sure that the hare would win the race because the hare had the longest legs. He liked to brag that he was the fastest animal in the forest. He said it was silly for the turtle to challenge him to a contest. He was ready to declare himself the winner before the race started.

The turtle knew he was slow, but he thought he could win. When the race began, the turtle moved one foot in front of the other. When the hare was half way to the finish line, he looked back at the turtle and laughed. There was no need for him to rush. He decided to take a nap.

The turtle plodded along and passed the sleeping hare. As he approached the finish line, the animals began to cheer. The hare woke up with a start and dashed up the track. But he was too late. The turtle was declared the winner.

This fable is a favorite because it has a moral. If you persevere, you can win the race.